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SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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1. I HAVE BEEN HAVING DIFFICULTY FINDING ANY SENIOR

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GERMAN OFFICIAL IN BONN OVER THIS EASTER WEEKEND, BUT

FINALLY MANAGED TO LOCATE MINISTERIALDIRIGENT RUHFUS, IN CHARGE OF EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY. I CONVEYED THE MESSAGE IN REFTEL AS WELL AS THE GIST OF PARAS 4, 5, 6 AND 12. WITH REGARD TO QUESTION OF COORDINATION, WHICH IS NOT ADDRESSED IN REFTEL, I SUGGESTED MOST EFFICIENT CHANNEL WOULD BE THROUGH US AND FRG EMBASSIES SAIGON.

2. RUHFUS REPLIED THAT FRG IS ALSO SERIOUSLY CONCERNED OVER SITUATION AND POINTED OUT THAT LAST CABINET MEETING ON MARCH 26 HAD AUTHORIZED DM 10 MILLION FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES IN SOUTH VIETNAM; THUS, HE SAID, FINANCIAL MEANS WOULD NOT BE LACKING. RE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, HE THOUGHT BOATS MUCH MORE LIKELY POSSIBILITY THAN AIRCRAFT, WHICH FRG DID NOT HAVE IN THE AREA APART FROM LUFTHANSA COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS. RUHFUS UNDERTOOK TO CONFIRM WITH CHANCELLERY BASIC QUESTION OF FRG'S READINESS TO ASSIST IN EVACUATION AND TO GET IN TOUCH WITH MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF SHIPS. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM RUHFUS, I SAID I ASSUMED ANY SHIPS SUPPLIED WOULD CONTINUE TO SAIL UNDER OWN NATIONAL FLAG.

3. ALTHOUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS NOW SIEZED WITH THE PROBLEM AT A SENIOR LEVEL, THE ABSENCE OF DECISION MAKING OFFICIALS OVER THE WEEKEND MAY DELAY A DEFINITIVE FRG RESPONSE.

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